## Honeywell Docket No. 30-4785 (4780) Riordan Docket No. 51-003-003

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## **DECLARATION UNDER 37 U.S.C. § 1.132**

I, the undersigned, Sandra Poteat Thompson, hereby declare as follows:

- 1. I am the attorney of record for Honeywell International Inc. and am an associate with the firm of Riordan & McKinzie.
- 2. I have been informed that claims in the above-referenced application have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) based upon US Issued Patent No. 6,509,415 (Lau et al. January 21, 2003). I believe that the rejection is inappropriate as follows:
- 3. Both the above-referenced application and US 6,509,415 were originally commonly owned by Honeywell International Inc. at the time the later invention was made.
- 4. US 6,509,415 is a US Utility Patent based on US Serial Number 09/545,058 filed on April 7, 2000 and issued on January 21, 2003.
- 5. The above-referenced application was filed on December 19, 2000 as US Serial No. 09/741,634.
- 6. Both the above-referenced application and US Issued Patent No. 6,509,415 were copending applications from December, 2000 until January, 2003.
- 7. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Executed at Costa Mesa, California, this 29th day of April, 03.

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